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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0047] as follows:

[0047] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the abbreviated dialing systems and methods described herein without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. For example, although one implementation of the invention was described with respect to [[an]] a vehicle traveling down a highway, other implementations may include using abbreviated dialing to "order ahead," for example, at lunchtime. Along these lines, the customer and the mobile terminal need not be located in [[an]] a vehicle 110. The customer may be in a building (e.g., home or office), walking on foot, or riding a bicycle when using the abbreviated dialing service. Also, the order of the various steps shown in Figs. 3-5 should not be construed as essential to the practice of the invention described herein. It is envisioned that the systems and methods described herein may be used generally to minimize a customer's wait time by time-shifting preparation of the order by the vendor to coincide with the customer's transit time, according to the principles outlined above.